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City of Morgantown and WVU to collaborate on Downtown Gum Busting

WVU has agreed to let the city use its Gum Buster to clean up sidewalks and streets in the downtown area.



MORGANTOWN – The City of Morgantown has been looking for the funds to buy a gum busting machine – a chewing-gum removal device that has a steam wand and a brush to scrub gum off of sidewalks and streets – for some time now. After a meeting a few days ago, West Virginia University has agreed to allow the city to use its gum buster, and will even assist with necessary training for those city employees who will use it.

Arrangements are currently being made between the city and the University to create a collaboration agreement.

“Once we’ve had an opportunity to direct both training and initial use of WVU’s machine, city administration will be able to better evaluate additional and specific equipment needs that may become necessary to effectively execute this program,” said Terrence Moore, City Manager. “Meanwhile, I wish to publicly thank WVU and [WVU Interim Assistant Vice president of Facilities Management] Joe Patten for their willingness to assist the City of Morgantown’s efforts in this regard.”

Updates in regard to the gum buster collaboration agreement will be made as events unfold.

If you have questions, please contact the City Manager’s office Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The number there is (304) 284-7405.

